



SOUTHERN FORESTRY
CONSULTANTS

TIMBER SALE INVITATION TO BID
USFS Leatherwood

June 9, 2025

Prospective Bidders:

On behalf of the United States Department of Agriculture – Forest Service (USFS) and the National Deer Association (NDA), and as described below and depicted on the included Timber Sale Map (Exhibit A), Southern Forestry Consultants (SFC) is offering for sale:

DUE DATE: **Tuesday, June 24, 2025, 2 P.M. Eastern Time**

DESCRIPTION: This timber sale includes three cutting units on +/- 29 forested acres of combined hardwoods, combined oak, white oak, and hardwoods. Cutting Units 1, 2, and 3 are commercial thinnings. These units are a Leave Tree Mark (LTM) marked with orange marking paint. Trees are marked at eye level with one (1) horizontal slash mark and a spot at ground level, with the eye level marks visible from at least two sides of the designated tree. A series of treatments will be implemented to create and maintain a three-tiered transition zone approximately 150 feet wide adjacent to openland.

The area within the first 0 to 50 feet of open land (Zone 0-50) will be managed to promote dense shrubs and vines. This will be achieved by cutting and harvesting trees, with a target residual of 0 BA.

- a) All merchantable trees, over eight (8) inches in diameter, shall be cut down with a chainsaw or similar cutting tool unless otherwise specified. Cut trees shall be transported to an appropriate location for transport to a processing facility.
- b) No red hickory, shagbark hickory, or shellbark hickory equal to or greater than six (6) inches will be cut. No soft mast species, such as dogwood, persimmon, crab apple, or wild plum, will be cut.

Zone 50 – 100 will feature a sparse large tree component with a target residual of less than 10 BA, alongside a dense understory of soft mast-producing trees, achieved through the selective cutting and harvesting of selected trees.

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- b) No red hickory, shagbark hickory, or shellbark hickory equal to or greater than six (6) inches will be cut. No soft mast species, such as dogwood, persimmon, crab apple, or wild plum, will be cut.
- c) Any other merchantable tree designated by SFC.

Nonmerchantable trees may be hinge-cut to reduce sprouting and provide browse. Leave trees shall not be damaged during operations. Cut trees shall have their stems completely severed horizontally with a chainsaw at 6 inches or less above ground level as measured on the uphill side of the stump. Any cut tree that hangs or leans on any tree shall be completely felled to the ground the same day. Any spring trees created during operations shall be cut or released. A spring tree is a tree that is bent over or prohibited from growing a straight bole. No dead trees shall be felled unless confirmed as a hazard tree by SFC or an immediate threat to human life. Boundary line trees are marked at eye level with a red blaze mark or three (3) orange horizontal slash marks and a spot at ground level; eye-level marks face the interior of the payment unit and are not to be cut. The attached Exhibit "A" Timber Sale Map depicts the sale boundaries. The Purchaser is responsible for maintaining road systems and other transportation facilities, as needed, for conducting treatments on the National Forest and other lands where the Forest Service has such authority.

BID BASIS:

Lump sum. All bids will be submitted using the enclosed bid form. We will not accept phone-in bids but will accept mailed and emailed bids if they are **received by 2:00 P.M. Eastern Time, Tuesday, June 24, 2025.** Bids may be mailed to our 305 West Shotwell Street, Bainbridge, GA 39819 corporate office. **Emailed bids should be sent to shendley@soforest.com and/or acarroll@soforest.com.**

Additional volume may be added to the sale and will be based upon negotiated per-product and per-unit rates. The owners reserve the right to reject all bids. The owners reserve the right to negotiate all bids.

CONTRACT:

A sample agreement for the conveyance of this timber is available upon request. A negotiable performance bond (**\$1,000** preferred) will be required at closing. The cutting period is negotiable but will minimally extend until **one year after closing.**

USFS PROPERTY: This property is currently under USFS ownership. All parties involved with this sale will be required to follow all state and federal regulations and guidelines that apply to forestry activities that occur during this sale and until its completion. A harvest plan will be reviewed and discussed during the pre-cutting conference and will be expected to be followed. This plan will include guidelines from Kentucky's Best Management Practices

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(BMP) handbook and harvest expectations relative to the protection of Endangered Species and tract aesthetics. Adherence to these regulations and guidelines will be documented during regular inspections.

SHOWINGS:

You are invited to inspect the tract at your convenience, but if you prefer a personal showing, please call Austin Carroll or Sean Hendley to check availability. All questions and inquiries should be directed to Southern Forestry Consultants.

Sincerely,

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USFS Leatherwood BID FORM

LUMP SUM TIMBER SALE

DUE: Tuesday, June 24, 2025

2:00 P.M. Eastern Time

We, _____, submit the following lump sum bid for the timber you are offering for sale on behalf of USFS.

Lump Sum Bid Total: \$ _____

- If additional volume is added to the sale, a product price per unit will be discussed to calculate the additional price.

Preferred Contractual Agreements

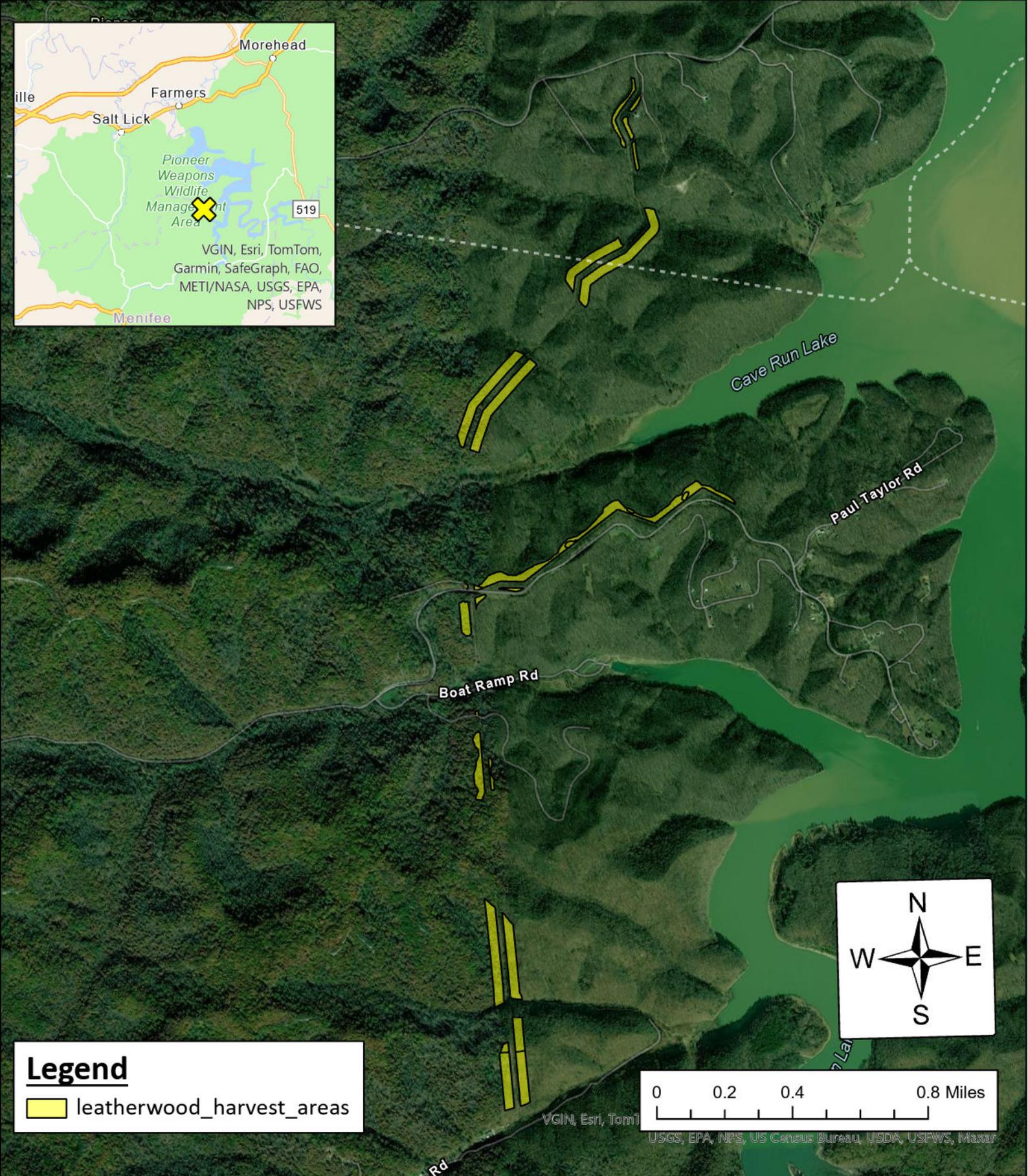
Performance Bond: _____ (\$1,000 preferred)

Preferred Contract Length: _____

- The successful bidder will be expected to sign a mutually agreeable timber-cutting agreement.
- The owner reserves the right to negotiate and/or reject all bids.

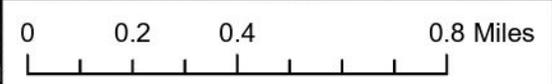
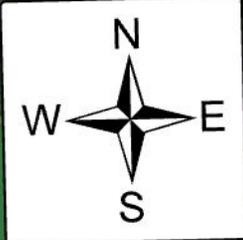
Company Representative Signature: _____

Buyer name: _____ Date Logger can start: _____



Legend

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Timber Sale Map	State: KY	Exhibit A. Daniel Boone National Forest Leatherwood	Date: 2025
	County: Menifee County		By: SMH
	Location: 38°02'13.0"N 83°31'22.6"W		Commercial Thinning +/-29 Acres  SOUTHERN FORESTRY CONSULTANTS